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TO: William T Fujioka
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FROM: Sachi A. Hamai
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SUBJECT: CREATING A PANEL OF FAMILY LAW LAWYERS AND AN ANALYSIS
ON PROFESSIONAL APPOINTEE COURT EXPENDITURES SYSTEM

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting held June 29, 2010, during the discussion of Agenda Item No. 13, Supervisor Antonovich instructed you, in coordination with the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender, to report back to the Board by September with the following:

1. An analysis on the Professional Appointee Court Expenditures System (PACE) on the following:
 - o Which experts are being paid the most?
 - o What doctors get paid more than those on the approved list of doctors since there are experts being used who are not on the approved list?
 - o What is the total amount being paid to experts not on the list?
 - o How often are numerous experts of the same type appointed to the same case? In other words, how often are there more than two psychologists appointed to the same case?
 - o Whether it would it be more cost effective if private investigators were paid on work performed rather than hours worked? For example: a fixed rate for serving subpoenas, interviewing witnesses, etc., rather than hours worked?
2. Whether there is an effort to create a panel of Family Law lawyers to reduce costs or create a flat fee that the County pays them?

Attached is a copy of the transcript to assist you in preparing your report.

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c: Each Supervisor
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